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(*b*) whether these licences were ordered to be cancelled in addition to the punishment awarded by the competent court or without prosecuting the conductors?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Eleven.

" (*b*) None of these cases were prosecuted in a Court of Law and the punishment of cancellation of certificate was therefore not in addition to punishment awarded by Courts."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether any bus conductor belonging to the Government Transport service in Madras has been convicted of this offence? " 8-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, when bus conductors' licences are cancelled, whether they will be given a chance to plead their case before the Court? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Only when the matter is taken before the Court, that question arises. Otherwise, the licensing authority himself under section 242 of the Act disposes of the cases."

Municipal Protected Water-supply Scheme for Cuddalore.

* 887 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the present stage of the Municipal Protected Water-supply Scheme for Cuddalore town, South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The sub-works comprising the first stage of the water-supply scheme for Cuddalore are—

(*a*) Infiltration-*cum*-suction well,

(*b*) Infiltration gallery,

(*c*) Manhole well, and

(*d*) Pumping main.

The construction of the infiltration well and the manhole well is now in progress."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know whether top priority for the water-supply scheme for Cuddalore town has been given and also the estimated cost of the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This comprehensive water-supply improvements scheme was sanctioned in April 1953."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" About six months back, while answering a similar question on the floor of the House, the Government assured us that protected water-supply scheme for Cuddalore town will be available early in 1954. We have already reached May. May I request the Government to expedite the completion of the scheme? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. I said such of the works as are included in the first stage are under execution. Orders for the supply and delivery of cast iron pipes and specials have already been placed. The work of laying the pumping main will be taken up for execution in 1954–55 after the receipt of the entire quantity of pipes and specials."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" கடலூர் டவுனுக்கு தண்ணீர் கொண்டுவருவதற்காக எவ்வளவு வருஷங்களாக வரி வசூலிக்கப் படுகிறது? இன்னும் எத்தனை ஆண்டுகளுக்குள் இது பூர்த்தியாகும்? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The work was sanctioned in April 1953 and is in progress."

Malabar District Project Advisory Committee.

* 888 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many meetings of the Malabar District Project Advisory Committee were convened and held from the date of its constitution on 2nd February 1953 up to 2nd February 1954 and on what dates;

(*b*) the subjects discussed and the decisions arrived at such meetings; and

(*c*) whether the Government have decided that with the constitution of the above Project Committee, no separate Planning Board need be formed for the district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) One on 14th February 1953.

" (*b*) Measures necessary for formulating and implementing a programme of work were discussed and decided upon.

" (*c*) Yes."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know what are the measures that have been taken up till now? May I know whether the Government are satisfied that such a Committee which had not met even once within a period of 1½ years, will alone do for formulating schemes for a district like Malabar which has got many peculiarities? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Several schemes have been formulated. I would like to have notice if I should give the particulars about this scheme. I may, however, tell the hon. Member that I am not myself satisfied with this unwieldy committee, which is more or less like a Parliament and it is not possible to hold its meetings frequently when Members of the Madras Legislature are in Madras and when Members of the Parliament who are also Members of this Committee are in Delhi. Therefore, an Executive Committee has been formed and that Committee has met three or four times. I have been thinking whether we could not have a compact Committee in the place of this unwieldy Committee to advise the project work."